

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 2424**
Yoshihiro URADE et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2005_0021A
Serial No. 10/520,781 : Group Art Unit 1617
Filed January 11, 2005 : Examiner Samira J. Jean-Louis

DRUGS FOR IMPROVING THE PROGNOSIS OF
BRAIN INJURY AND A METHOD OF
SCREENING THE SAME : **Mail Stop: RCE**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In further response to the Final Office Action dated July 17, 2008, the period for response having been extended for a third month by the attached petition, Applicants herein provide the following amendments and remarks.

A Request for Continued Examination is being submitted concurrently with this response.
A Petition for a two month extension of time was previously filed on December 16, 2008.

*The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency
or to credit any overpayment associated with this
communication to Deposit Account No. 23-0975.*